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Summer residents Kate Hanson and Jim Blatner taking a stroll down the Rose Ave. public beach access point last Thursday. Read the story on page 3.



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Summer residents don't want changes to waterfront access points

Kris Dubé
Editor

A group of summer residents feels council's decision to make some changes to waterfront access points will rip the charm out of their neighbourhood.

On June 10, Fort Erie politicians voted in favour of a recommendation to spend \$50,000 on "public realm improvements" on waterfront encroachments along Edgemere Rd., in the Waverly Beach area.

The three spots are Pierce, Beachview and Rose Avenues and it has been decided that vehicular barriers will be installed to prevent motorists from passing beyond a certain point.

On Thursday afternoon, the Fort Erie Times spoke with some of the residents in the area who feel these changes are not necessary and that such a large sum of money could be spent elsewhere.

Kate Hanson, who lives on the north side of Edgemere Rd., is also frustrated knowing that also part of the plan is to instruct property owners to remove landscaping that impedes on municipally-owned land.

Her parents own a waterfront property that stands next to the Rose Ave. road allowance and she says the Town has instructed them to rip it out of the ground.

"They're going to overgrow with weeds, they'll put up a gate and think it's going to bring people to the beach?"

To lighten the confusion experi-

enced by people who are unsure of what is considered public beach access, some signage has been erected.

Although, one sign in front of the Beachview access point is almost invisible due to hanging tree branches.

Jim Blamer also lives on the north side of Edgemere Rd., but has accessed the beach since his family started spending summers here in 1945.

He said the transformation that is on its way defaces the historic value of the area in the eyes of the families that have been there for so many generations.

"I've gone down there since I was a kid, it's a great little path," he said.

Hanson said that high traffic in the area is not something that is out of hand. She said the vast majority of people who access the beach from these three points are from the neighbourhood,

familiar faces.

"Our community has always taken care of itself and now the Town is coming in and making it worse," she said.

The group of summer residents also feel the barricades, expected to be put in next spring, will inconvenience people who use canoes or take their children down to the water in a stroller.

Even though the access points are mainly used by families who live on the street, people in the area welcome others to use the public areas.

"Some people make it sound like there's a battle between people who live on the beach and who want to access the beach," said one of the individuals, who wished to remain unidentified.

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Passero says access points will be enhanced

From Page 3

This issue has come to shore inside the council chambers on many occa-

sions since 2004.

By-laws passed have restricted vehicular access to certain unopened waterfront road allowances, including the three mentioned in the report brought to council in June.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero is more than familiar with this matter, through his role as a local politician and past-president of the Ontario Shorewalk Association.

He stands by the decision made by council last month and says the improvements will enhance the area, also giving the public a much better understanding of what



To me, a gate says restricted access."

— Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero

access points they are free to use and how they are able to use them.

"When this work is completed, there will be zero doubt for anyone who visits that these are public spaces for all to enjoy," said Passero.

He said a large part of the recommendations approved by council address concerns over residents in the area using the allowances for their own parking. Also in the report, is a recommendation that property owners will be responsible for put-

ting in their own driveway.

"A lot of the residents shouldn't be using these public access points to the waterfront as their own personal playgrounds and driveways and that's what they've become," said Passero.

He also said different options on how to restrict vehicle traffic from entering these access points are still being considered, admitting that he feels a gate is not the right way to go.

"To me, a gate says restricted access," said Passero.

The councillor also says Town staff and his colleagues should be congratulated for arriving at a plan he feels will serve the area properly, once completed.

"This issue has spanned three terms of council and I'm glad we're putting it to rest."

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Beach conditions change on a daily basis

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

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We encourage people to enjoy the beaches, but always mind the signage.”

— Bill Hunter

A day out at the beach is among the top things people like to do in the summertime, especially when temperatures are hot and humid.

Beach water testing is conducted in the Niagara Region daily, and the status of water quality is always changing.

Why is it that one day a beach can be open and the next labeled unsafe to swim?

Weather conditions can affect test results of beach water and the status can change quickly.

Test results are intended as general guidance. Residents are always encouraged to consider the current weather before deciding to enter the water.

“The water quality can change daily due to a number of factors such as rainfall, wind-speed, wave height and population, which is why we test daily,” said Bill Hunter, manager of environmental health with the Niagara Region.

The Region is only mandated to check on a weekly basis, but it's something that they do daily at all the popular beaches.

There are three classifications to the status of beaches, the first is open, the second is unsafe to swim, but the beach remains open and the third is beach closed.

Beaches are posted unsafe and closed when water tests show unacceptable levels of E. Coli bacteria. The beach might also be unsafe because of floating debris, oil, exces-

sive weed growth, bad odours and general turbidity.

Popular swimming and recreation areas are monitored closely to determine if they are high in bacteria.

Hunter said E. Coli is the bacteria they focus on the most because it's the biggest concern from the public health standpoint. There are other bacteria in the water, but not all bacteria is harmful to people.

Beach closures vary from year to year, but Hunter said this year there has been more closures than last.

“Last year we had a very dry summer, which benefits the water,” he said. “This year we've seen hot, humid, windy and rainy conditions that stir up the water.”

To stay up-to-date on local beach conditions visit the Niagara Region's beach water testing results at www.niagararegion.ca/living/water/beaches

“We encourage people to enjoy the beaches, but always mind the signage. The signs are the most accurate way to know if the water is safe or not,” he said.

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Do You Remember?



Last week's photo of the raffle draw drew no response, but we are still receiving calls about the previous week's photo taken in the gym of the Central Avenue United Church.

Our thanks to Doug Scott and Miriam McKillop's daughter for weighing in on the correct spelling of Miriam and Mary

McMurtry's names.

The back of this week's photo of firefighters offers a few clues: it is dated 1981, and may have been taken at Stevensville Fire Station 5.

If you recognize anyone, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.ca.



Think twice before making claims online



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebooks

I know how much of a cliché it is to say "times are changing" when I refer to the electronic age we are in, but people

who have adapted to this reality really need to be careful of what they write on social media.

Our Facebook fan page has almost 2,000 members and we appreciate every single one of them... those who depend on us for their local news, along with others who engage in conversations being had online about local issues and events.

It's great and our presence on social media is something we also use to generate story ideas, hear concerns from readers and many other reasons.

Just like that Sunday evening over a month ago when a man assaulted two males with a corkscrew, some people are far too quick to react when they see a police car, firetruck or ambulance near their house.

On Tuesday, someone posted on our Facebook page about a police presence near their home.

Immediately, statements like "someone was killed" caught our attention, when they requested we look into it.

Minutes after, I drove to the part of town they claimed a major incident had taken place and didn't see anything.

Not one police cruiser

or anything else that hinted a serious situation had taken place.

I contacted the Niagara Regional Police's communications officer and he explained there was a non-suspicious death in the same neighbourhood.

Someone died at home.

Which in the news business, is something we do not report on.

We appreciate all the

feedback and dialogue we receive from our fans but I urge people to think twice before hopping on your computer or smartphone to "report" something that is nowhere near what you claim it to be.

It's for the good of everyone.

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opinion page

80 years at Rio Vista



MICHAEL CLARKSON Submitted
Rio Vista Golf Course's CPGA member Rob Dunn addresses the crowd at last weekend's 80-year anniversary celebration and tournament.

On tour with Calder Cup



MADISON'S PUB Submitted
Dalton Tartaglia stands with Trevor Parkes from the American Hockey League's Grand Rapids Griffins, when he recently brought the Calder Cup to Madison's Pub inside the Leisuresplex.

The pros and cons of 'keyhole surgery'

Dear Editor,

What's the most advanced surgery of recent years? I believe most surgeons would quickly respond, "laparoscopic surgery", often referred to as keyhole surgery. But never let the word "keyhole" lead you astray.

In 1991 Dr. Joacques Perissat at the University of Bordeaux, in France, announced at the World Congress of Surgeons that he had removed a gallbladder (cholecystectomy) using optical instruments through small incisions. Now, a number of more complicated operations are performed by this method.

Laparoscopic surgery has been a great boon for patients. Without a large incision there's less pain, speedier healing and shorter hospital stay. But as in any type of surgery there are unexpected pitfalls.

One problem is that the term "keyhole surgery" leaves the impression that tiny incisions mean a simple, uncomplicated way to perform operations. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and a small incision can cause catastrophic complications.

There's a huge difference between opening the abdomen to have a direct look at a diseased organ and performing laparoscopy. Rather than hold a scalpel, surgeons watch a video camera while manipulating a variety of grasping, cutting and suturing devices. It's an entirely different ball game with a steep learning curve. It's wise to remember the old saying that "practice makes perfect" whether dealing with a plumber or surgeon.

To perform laparoscopy the abdomen is first filled with gas to lift the abdominal muscles away from underlying organs and blood vessels. Then, hollow tubes are inserted to act as portals for the laparoscopic instruments which act much like the periscope on a submarine. This is when underlying bowel or arteries can be injured, luckily a rare occurrence.

Most complications occur during removal of an organ such as the gallbladder. For instance, the common bile duct that carries bile from the liver to the bowel can be inadvertently injured. It's a serious complication and if not repaired can result in jaundice and death. In one study of 613,706 cholecystectomy operations 0.39 percent of cases suffered this injury.

Many years ago, a distinguished English surgeon severed the bile duct of Sir Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, who later

became Prime Minister. I was a medical student at Harvard at the time Eden was flown to Boston to have the bile duct repaired by Richard Cattell, at that time the world authority on bile duct surgery.

Laparoscopy has many benefits. But wise generals know when to retreat and so do experienced surgeons. It may become apparent in the OR that previous operations have caused extensive adhesions, obscuring vision, and it is more prudent to end the laparoscopy and use an abdominal incision. The same reasoning applies if there's a complication such as excessive bleeding.

Like any procedure, laparoscopy can be overused. Since 1989, when doctors first used this procedure the number of cholecystectomies has risen 20 to 40 percent.

Studies show that about 10 percent of North Americans have gallstones, often accidentally discovered during tests to diagnose other conditions. In general, gallstones not causing trouble are best left to the crematorium. Or as one of my professors once told me, "Remember, it's impossible to make a patient feel any better who doesn't have any symptoms."

Looking at the total picture, laparoscopic procedures beat the old abdominal incisions by a mile. For instance, many women with benign fibroid growths can now circumvent abdominal hysterectomy by having fibroids removed by laparoscopy. Others plagued by excessive bleeding are able to have the lining of the uterus reduced by this technique. Still others, suffering from Crohn's Disease or diverticulitis, can be treated by laparoscopy. Even patients with large bowel malignancies can be treated this way.

It's always prudent to go to surgery on a first class ticket. If you are lucky to know someone who works in the OR or who has performed many of these procedures, listen carefully to their advice. If that surgeon is 100 miles away that's where you should go. Often I've heard patients say, "But I'd rather go to this hospital because family and friends can visit me." That's a big error. The skill of the surgeon is the more important consideration.

Dr. Gifford Jones

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Pageant contestant supporting several causes

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Competing in the Miss Canada Globe pageant involves more than just evening gowns, swimsuits and makeup.

A huge component is volunteerism and community work, which local participant Lauren Roy has become quite familiar with in recent months.

The 24-year-old and grad-

uate of Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School will represent the Niagara region in the first round of the pageant, which will be held in August in Toronto.

Since entering her name, Roy has worked with numerous causes such as the Stair Climb for Cancer at the Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls, plus a Climb for Cancer in Hamilton.

Last weekend, Roy pitched in at a BBQ held at Fort Erie's

Walmart to benefit Community Living.

Not only has her mother worked with the local agency for the last 38 years, she is well aware of the work they do in Greater Fort Erie and wanted to be a part of it in some way.

"Everyone at Community Living is very kind and work really hard at making this world a better place for individuals with intellectual challenges and their fami-

“

This experience so far has definitely given me personal growth, valuable experiences and a chance to move hearts.”

— Lauren Roy

lies,” said Roy, after the charity event that raised \$872 in one afternoon on Saturday.

She said this aspect of the pageant is important to her because it promotes inner beauty and giving back to the community, while being considered a positive role model for young women.

“I am going to continue providing care and love for those who are in need and put a smile on the faces of those who are sick. This experience so far has definitely given me personal

growth, valuable experiences and a chance to move hearts,” she said.

The organization Roy is focusing on is Wellspring Niagara, the main cause she hopes to support during the time leading up to the pageant next month.

Wellspring Niagara is an agency that provides free social, emotional, psychological, informational and spiritual support to individuals living with cancer, their families and close supporters.

“I love all the programs they provide not only for cancer patients, but their families as well,” she said.

Cancer is something that has hit close to home for Roy, as she has seen it take her father, grandparents and other family members. Her sister and a co-worker are also fighting the disease today.

“Almost everyone is affected by cancer in some way and I believe Wellspring Niagara plays a very important role in the region.

She looks forward to participating in other events such as a fashion show to be held in Sept. for Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation (WARM) and a charity gala for Wellspring in December.

Voting for the Miss Canada Globe 2013 begins on Aug. 11 and will close Aug. 31 at 9 a.m.



Fort Erie Communities-in-Bloom

Garden of the WEEK

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Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

A non-denominational church service along the water in Crystal Beach has been drawing hundreds of visitors this summer.

Three years ago, Church on the Beach was introduced, by William S. Hein, who not only came up with the idea, but purchased tables, tents, sound equipment and has brought in top-notch speakers each week.

Submitted

Bringing church to the beach

Hein lives in the old Crystal Beach amusement park area, and wanted to do something good for the people. What started as a 20-person service has quickly grown to over 200.

Church on the Beach, is a non-denominational, casual congregation.

Richard Potis, who attends every week said that the increase of people is due to the quality of the speakers that are brought in.

"We have a different worship leader and speaker

each week. The speakers are phenomenal and draw a lot of people, but also, the fact that it's outdoors and on a public beach is also appealing to a lot of people," he said.

Church attendance continues to struggle in some areas and many congregations deal with the dilemma of people looking for more non-traditional methods to learn about God.

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Large amount of non church-goers seem to be attending

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For the Church on the Beach, they're bringing together a group of people who typically aren't church-goers.

"This is a different way for the message to be spread. We have a mix of people, both from Canada and the United States, and a lot of families. People seem to be moving away from the traditional church

service and embracing new ideas," he said.

Church on the Beach will run until Aug. 25 and still offers some well-known speakers and talented worship leaders.

Aug. 4, Wes Aarum Sr. will be speaking.

He is the former President of Youth for Christ (Canada) and founder of Circle C Ranch in Delevan, NY where thousands of young people have given their lives to



This is a different way for the message to be spread."

— Richard Potts

Christ at summer (and snow) camps over the past 45 years. Worship leaders for Aug. 4 will be Sean and Almee Dayton, who are award winning worship leaders from North Bay.

They have released four albums and have received many awards.

For the following week speaker will be John Mika, who is the founder of The Teacher's Desk - a 'store'

located in Buffalo, where teachers shop free for students in need. His work has been featured in various media including Buffalo News, People Magazine and The Steve Harvey Show.

Following 30 years at General Motors, he joined the staff of Kingdom Bound Ministries (who sponsor Church on the Beach) where he launched NWYShares, an outreach to underprivileged and

special needs children that has provided over 45,000 Christmas presents to needy children since 2003.

Worship leader for Aug. 11 is singer, songwriter, and avid fisherman, Kevin Klenke. He is the founder of Last Call Ministries.

For more information on who will be speaking, visit kingdombound.org/events

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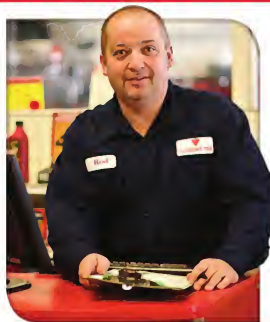
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Sixty years later, vets still fight for respect

Grant Laffoeche
QMI Agency Niagara

Hub Lalonde can't leave Korea behind him. He couldn't, even if he wanted to. He carries a little piece of that country, and the war he fought there, with him every day.

"It's right here," Lalonde said, pointing to a lump over his right eye just under his brow. "There is still dirt in there from Korea."

Lalonde carries the physical reminders of a time when death was a constant companion, but the scars that truly haunt him are those that cannot be seen.

"I still have nightmares," he said, sitting in the midday sun on the porch of his Chippawa home. "I notice when you are not feeling well, you break out in a sweat in your sleep and you are fighting the Chinese again. They are coming up the hills at you."

The vivid memories of battle will be with him and other Korean War vets Saturday as they mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the conflict often called Canada's forgotten war.

"The Americans were not keen on calling it a war. So they called it a conflict," said Niagara veteran Romeo Daley.

The Second World War had only just ended and no nation was willing to dive back into another bloodbath. Calling the fighting in Korea anything other than a war was a political manoeuvre, but it doesn't change what it was.

It was war. Volunteers like Daley, 78, and Lalonde, 82, were regarded as misfits by veterans of European war. When they returned home, there was no hero's welcome waiting for them.

"They public had no idea what was going on over there. They didn't know what to make us," Lalonde said.

The Royal Canadian Legion, holding to the idea that Korea wasn't a war, didn't welcome them. Most galling, Korean War veterans had to fight their own government for the pensions and post-war assistance previously vets got as a matter of course.

"These pension boards we had to go before are made up of people with no military experience," Daley said.

"One guy had the audacity to say to me, 'Well, aren't you kind of exag-gerating?'"

"And I said, 'How old are you?' He was 32. I said, 'What do you know? Where have you been? What have you done? Have you ever been shot at, bombed at, sprayed at? Have you ever had to live in a trench?'"

Lalonde and Daley, young men when they enlisted, were unprepared for the scope of what faced them in Korea fighting against Chinese troops.

The days were often quiet, they said. The nights were when the enemy soldiers came in waves that seemed as endless as the stars in the sky.

"The first wave would come and we would kill them or get rid of them," Lalonde said. "Then the next wave came. OK, so you get rid of them. Then the last wave would come without weapons. They would pick up the weapons of the fallen and continue on."

When the shooting stopped, the psychological assault began. Canadian soldiers would hear their own names over Chinese speakers, likely supplied by spies within the Canadian camp.

"Romeo Daley, you are going to die tonight."

"Corporal Lalonde, dig your trench a little deeper."

It was easy to stay focused during the chaos of gunfire and explosions in battle. When the fighting was over, their minds began to race.

"The only way I could get through that and not shut down was just to accept it," Lalonde said. "I just came to the realization that if it's my time to die, it's my time to die."

Daley and Lalonde say they had a hard time adjusting to civilian life. Post-traumatic stress disorder wasn't a known ailment in the 1950s. So they turned to drink, using alcohol as an escape. Their first marriages both collapsed because of it.

Both are remarried, and Daley said he was able to eventually make peace with his four children from his first marriage. Lalonde was not so fortunate.

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Korean War vets dying at faster rate

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"I am not close to my six kids at all," he said. "I know it was my fault, and I have to regret that. But what was done, was done. I cannot change it."

They've suffered as only combat veterans can. And they find themselves among the last of those who fought in Korea.

Although younger than their counterparts from the Second World War, Korean War veterans are dying at a faster rate, often from respiratory illness.

Daley says it is because of defoliating chemicals used extensively during the war. Soldiers were covered in it and inhaled it during their tours of duty.

"There were about 157 Korean War veterans in Niagara two years ago," said Daley, who is the president of the local Korean War veterans association. "Now there are only 32."

Both Daley and Lalonde will be in Brampton Saturday to mark the end of the war, at a service being held at a Korean War memorial built there. It includes the name, age and date

of death of all the 516 Canadian soldiers who died during the war.

In keeping with the struggles the veterans have had trying to be recognized, the memorial was built without federal funding.

"We just want people to recognize what we did. Recognize our service in combating communism at that time. People forget that Korea is just a stone's throw from Japan, from Okinawa. What would have happened if the communists had won?"



MATT DAY CMI Agency Niagara

Korean War veterans Hubert Lalonde, left, and Romeo Daley share a laugh together at Lalonde's Chippawa home.

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Upon arrival, officers determined two masked men broke into the home. One of the men held a knife to one of the residents while the second man assaulted the other.

Police said there was a brief struggle between one of the suspects and a victim that resulted in both suspects fleeing the area on foot.

The suspects were last seen running

south on Queens Circle, then west onto Shannon Rd. South.

Both victims were treated for minor injuries.

The first suspect is described by police as a tanned male, 5'9" with a thin build. He was wearing black shoes, black pants, black long sleeve shirt, black hood and had his face covered.

The second suspect is described as a white male, 5'9", wearing similar clothing and also having his face covered. Police said they believe this was not a random incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 905-688-4111 ext. 2321.

Police recover cash and crack

Crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and money were recovered in a Fort Erie home following a police search Thursday.

Niagara Regional Police officers used a search warrant after beginning an investigation earlier this month into the sale of drugs from the home.

Kevin Nesbitt, 47, of Fort Erie and Phillip Folkes, 18, of Ajax, were charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of proceeds of crime. Folkes was also charged with obstructing police.

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Art studio tour coming to Ridgeway

Sarah Ferguson
QMI Agency Niagara

From Wainfleet to Ridgeway, south Niagara has plenty of artistic talent to highlight.

And that's exactly why the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour began, artist Cathy Peters says.

The studio tour, now in its second year, will see 21 artists from Wainfleet, Port Colborne, Sherbrooke, Crystal Beach and Ridgeway open up their studios in an open house format.

The self-guided studio tour gives art lovers a chance to meet south Niagara artists in their studios and to view artwork free of charge on the weekend of Aug. 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"It's a chance for the public to get a behind-the-scenes look into an artist's works and life," Peters says.

The Wainfleet artist, who paints acrylic and water-colour images which are often inspired by views from her lakeside studio, began painting seriously 17 years ago.

"It's a passion of mine and it's a passion that I love to share with others."

Peters was always interested in art. When her children grew older she was able to find time to pick up a paint brush and develop her artistic skill.

"It was a spark that I wanted to ignite," Peters says.

She has travelled across the globe to study other artists' work and attend workshops. Peters has visited places along the East Coast, Mexico and Europe to develop her skill.

Why Peters decided to open up her studio, Shoreline Art Studio, to the August tour was a simple decision for her to make.

"I love to see what other people bring to my work."

Every time an individual looks at one of her paintings, the viewer sees a different interpretation of what Peters says she had in mind when she created the artwork.

"A viewer always finishes the piece."

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Cathy Peters will open up her Shoreline Art Studio in Wainfleet for the South Niagara Artists Studio Tour on Aug. 10 and 11

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A Fort Erie Race Track employee hands Ridgeway resident Ben Berketo his ticket for the first race of opening day this season.



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Attendance up at Race Track

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

As the Fort Erie Race Track prepared for its premier race of the season Tuesday, officials at the border oval are happy with how the 116th campaign has unfolded thus far.

Program sales are up about 40% from last year, while food and beverage sales have increased by around 10% on a per day basis, according to chief financial officer Tom Valiquette.

"We're actually quite impressed," Valiquette said as officials geared up for the 78th Prince of Wales Stakes, which

this season moved to a Tuesday from Sunday.

"Our attendance is up. We've tracked that by how much we do on sales in non-wagering revenue. Our wagering, on track, is up marginally."

"People are just coming out to support Fort Erie. If you come out here, it's free admission, prices on food and beverage are very reasonable. "It's the cheapest show in town, really."

The historic border oval has come a long way from last June when the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, a not-for-profit organization that took control of the track three years

ago, voted to close the facility by Dec. 31.

After 115 seasons, it seemed the picturesque track had seen its last days.

But then in March, the provincial government announced it had reached a tentative transition funding agreement with the track — a move that ensured race dates for at least one more year.

This 49-day race season began May 26 and is scheduled to finish Oct. 6. That's down from 78 race dates in 2012.

The track's uncertainty also caused animal owners and trainers to make other arrangements, says Valiquette, judging by the decline in the back stretch's horse population.

But growing local support and continued backing from a loyal A.V. market, the track is alive and kicking and Valiquette believes industry officials and politicians are taking notice.

"The industry itself is in a very difficult state, but horse racing is worth saving. It creates jobs and economic activity."

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Success can go a long way

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"Our trends are as good as I've seen anywhere. From a political standpoint, we have very strong support and I firmly believe our success this season can go a long way (to ensure more government backing in the future).

He said moving the Prince of Wales Stakes — the second in Canada's Triple Crown of Racing — to a Tuesday evening from a Sunday afternoon was done for a number of reasons.

He said from a simulcast standpoint, the track finds it difficult to compete with first-tier facilities such as Saratoga and Woodbine on a Sunday.

"There's much less competition on Tuesday," said Valiquette, adding there's less of a cross-border hassle on a Tuesday than a weekend.

It's also hoped that hosting its biggest race on a Tuesday will attract more off-site wagering. Twilight Tuesdays have been the most successful day of the week for the track this season.

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Brick to no pool

This is a brick to the fact that millions can be spent on a new splash pad in Ridgeway and to the proposed idea of putting up half a million dollar lighting system at the Optimist soccer field, yet nothing can be done for the Kinsmen Pool. I can guarantee if the Kinsmen pool was near town hall it would be a top priority and would be a state of the art facility.

Bouquet to being kind

A bouquet to all acts of kindness given. Life is far too short to be upset. Focusing on positive is so much more important in the world we live in today. A simple wave or hello to a stranger goes a long way in brightening up another's day.

Brick to opinions of weather

This is a brick to all the people that complain about thoughtful. You are forgiven.

Brick to condition of building

I'm sending a huge brick to a local apartment building that seems to have let everything fall apart. The grounds are disgusting, covered in weeds, garbage and other debris. Balconies have become storage units, and the general upkeep is just not happening! Whatever happened to taking pride in your home and imposing a few rules to live by in a building that not all consider a commune or slum?

Bouquet to honest golfers

Honesty is the best policy and on the golf course is a great place to put this expression to good use. Cheating in any sport only hurts the person doing it.

Bouquet to young people who were 'bricked' last week

Last week, I wrote a brick to some teenagers in my neighbourhood for littering empty beer bottles in my garden. Over the weekend, they stopped by my house and delivered a letter of apology that I found to be very sincere and they are forgiven.

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Legendary jockey draws positions for stakes race

Kris Dubé
Editor

The field was set for another historic run of the richest horse race held on

dirt in Canada.

The 78th Prince of Wales stakes race was this past Tuesday at the Fort Erie Race Track and on Saturday afternoon, the

draw was held to determine post positions for the eight horses competing.

The draw's special guest of honour was Sam

McComb, who race announcer Mike Dimoff referred to as a legend around the 116-year-old border oval.

"He has too many

accomplishments we can cover here today," said Dimoff.

McComb is a decorated jockey who won the Prince of Wales stakes race in

1965, atop Good Old' Mort. He remembers heading into the race unsure of how the horse would perform, but after crossing the finish it was one of his most memorable moments in his career.

"He wasn't the soundest of horses. But it was a perfect day," said McComb.

The 84-year-old who retired from horse-racing in 1979, says he is honoured to have been invited as the post position draw-master because the Fort Erie Race Track is a place so near to his heart.

"I love this place," he said.

With so much uncertainty surrounding the future of horse tracks in Ontario on an annual basis for the last few years, McComb said Fort Erie sets the example of how they should be operated.

"It's very encouraging, what I've seen this year but these politicians need to get their act together. With a change in government, you'll see things change for the better," said McComb, who also photographed posters on Tuesday to raise money for the Fort Erie SPCA.

There was a \$500,000 purse for the race on Tuesday, the first time it hasn't been held on a Sunday.

It is the second jewel of the Canadian Triple crown, but seeing a trainer win all three races (Prince of Wales, Queen's Plate, Breeders' Stakes) did not happen this year.

Nick Gonzalez, a trainer from Fort Erie, won the Queen's Plate with Midnight Aria three weeks ago at Woodbine but decided not to enter the horse in Tuesday's stakes race.

Although, he did have a horse entered named River Seven.

There were nine races on the card for the day.

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Some pills are monophasic, meaning they have constant levels of estrogen and progesterone. Others have changing levels of progesterone. Both types of pills are effective, the only difficulty with a triphasic pill is that it is not ideal to be taken without a pill free interval. If an individual wants to take their pills back to back to avoid a period, they may still get a period with the triphasic pill.

Sometimes women develop migraines on the pill because of a drop in estrogen during the week off the pill, or they want to avoid having a period. In this case it may be worth taking Seasonale. This is a pill you take for three months in a row without a break. This is safe to do and may help with the above mentioned issues.

Patients should be aware that some medications can decrease the effectiveness of the pill. Rifampin, barbiturates, phenytoin and carbamazepine can all decrease effectiveness. Experts say that antibiotics are unlikely to reduce efficacy of the pill.

The pill is a good tool for treating a myriad of issues. It can prevent pregnancy, clear acne, regulate and lighten cycles. There are a number of options when it comes to the type of pill you take to address each of these concerns. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist to determine the right one for you.

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Many local artists involved in tour

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Artists featured in this year's tour include wood-carver Alison Barclay; Rey Baecher, who experiments

with pencil, oil, water colour and pastel; and Peter Gudrunas, a glass maker with 40 years' experience.

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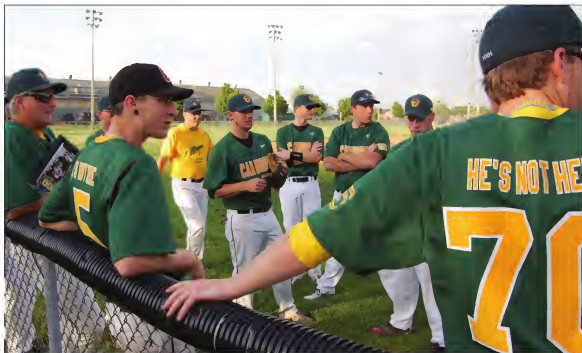
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Members of the Fort Erie Cannons watching an opponent during warmups, before a game earlier this season.

Cannons in third place

The Fort Erie Cannons sat alone in third place Monday in the NSLI, with a 13-6 record after extending their win streak to five games with two wins this past week.

At home last Wednesday they shut out the Welland Pirates 2-0 behind a complete game three- hitter by Cam Hall.

Mike Dimarcantonio scored both runs and Pat 'Meathall' Giampaolo chipped in three hits to supply most of the offense in the game. Sunday in St Catharines they overcame a 7-4 deficit at the hands of the Cobras, scoring nine runs in the fifth inning to secure a 15-7 victory. Matt Pine hit a 400 foot grand slam home run to spark the rally. The next home game is Aug. 7 against the Merrittion Alliance.

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Generals' season comes to a close

Golfing requires a lot of confidence

Minor football team advances to Ontario semifinals

Craig Vanderklei
Special to Fort Erie Times

Despite the season coming to an end in Toronto this past weekend, the Niagara Generals had quite the run.

The Pee wee Niagara Generals football team hosted the Cambridge Lions on July 21 at Kiwanis Field in St. Catharines in a do or die playoff matchup.

The game was a hard hitting affair from the outset and Niagara took a commanding 21-0 in the first half on nice touchdown runs by Collin Howe and Connor Adams and on a long 80-yard touchdown run from Eric Neilson.

Cambridge came back with two scores of their own and then Neilson replied with his second touchdown of the game to send the teams to the dressing rooms with Niagara leading 28-13.

The Lions narrowed the gap to 28-19 early in the third quarter to gain some momentum and challenge the Generals' resolve. Niagara responded quickly to the challenge with Hunter Cropper connecting with Andrew Vanderklei on a beautiful 45-yard touchdown pass play to take the wind out of the Cambridge comeback.

The Generals defence held strong the rest of the way and Eric Neilson ran for his third touchdown of the contest to make the final 42-19 for Niagara. The Niagara defense was led by Alexander

Goulbourne and Colin Howe with six tackles each and Jake Snider and Callan Salducci each with four. The Generals offense rolled up 500 total yards of offense on the day on the ground and through the air.

The Generals moved on to the provincial semifinals in Toronto where they faced the Metro Toronto Wildcats in Scarborough, but were on the losing end of a 28-13 score.

Parents and coaches are proud of the team's accomplishments and want to thank them for their hard work throughout the season.

Tony Vanderklei
Special to Fort Erie Times

The Wednesday morning of July 23 was probably the coolest one this summer and the 34 Rio Vista seniors who came out started out with sweaters or jackets.

The event this week was an individual format with a closest to the pin on hole no. 7.

Often people say I play golf but I'm so inconsistent, well in golf your

mind and understanding the basic techniques are important but you do require a lot of good confidence. The winners having that confidence were Ron Winger, Brian Winrow, Bob Woehl and Clive Acaster.

Second place went to Jim Dumelle, Norm Backshall, Barry Hopkins and Alan Payne.

Third position was a tie of the foursome of Dave Ferris, Tom Hales, Day Hannah, John White and the trio of Henry Doering,

Don Lefurgey and Tony Vanderklei. Closest to the pin of only a couple of feet was won by David Niznik.

The surprise draw went to Day Hannah and the

50/50 was won by Dennis Bailey. We welcomed a new member Wayne Learn. Next week participants will play a Texas scramble.

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 Ridgeway, Steven (Deana) Gonnson of
 Ridgeway and Kirk (Samantha) Gonnson of
 Toronto. Lovingly remembered by four
 grandchildren Jillian and Peter Eden,
 Carsten Gonnson and Vera North
 Gonnson. Jackie immigrated from England
 to the Niagara Region where she raised a
 family and was an active volunteer in her
 community. She was a lifetime member of
 Hospital Auxiliary, a member of Lioness
 Club, a volunteer at Girl Guides Canada
 and performed with the St. John's Players
 in Stevensville. In 1987 she moved to the
 Bruce Peninsula to operate Good Acres
 Camp in Stiles Bay for 14 years. She
 loved the Bruce and retired in Whiskey
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 her life has taken place with family and
 friends in Lion's Head. Donations made to
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GRIEM, John Henry "Jack" - John passed away at the peacefully surrounded by the love and presence of his family at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Wednesday July 24th, 2013 at the age of 75. Loved and cherished husband of Jean. Proud father of Pamela (James) Yorlido, Robert (Lynda), Sandra (Michael) Turner and Kenneth (Christine). Cherished grandfather of Matthew, Ashton, Steven, Shannon, David, Derek, Amy and Darin. Great Grandfather of Alexander and Niece. He will be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews. John served in the United States Army - Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He earned a scholarship and played college basketball for St. Bonaventure in Olean N.Y. Born and Raised in Gowanda N.Y., Jack was a proud volunteer firefighter, and avid sportsman and president of the Catusagus N.Y. Rod and Gun Club. In 1971 he came with his family to Canada and was employed as the Plant Manager of Selter Brothers in Fort Erie until his retirement. Jack's faithful companion, his 23 yr. old cat Sheila passed away the same evening. At Jack's request, private family services following cremation will take place in Otto New York. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

LASZEK, Richard - Richard passed away St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton on Wednesday July 24th, 2013. Survived by his son Robert (Amy) and grandson Evan. Sadly missed by his siblings Irene (Ken) Kane, Helen (Walter) Bak, Ted, John (Christine), Paul, Roger; his niece Stacie, great niece Bria and great nephew Reid, extended family and close friends. Predeceased by his brother Tim, his mother Eugenia and his father Andrew. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Monday July 29th from 5 - 8 pm. Funeral Services will be held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. The family wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the compassionate care provided to Richard by the Doctors, nurses and staff of Greater Niagara General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital.

**JACK WALTON**

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